
POTENTIAL BEST PRACTICE

Category	Health Care Support Services
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Process or Product Descriptive Title	Medical Device Tracking System
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Element Identifier	HCS.1.1.1
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Element Title	Material Issue
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Background	There was no method to track certain medical devices as required by the Federal Medical Device Tracking Regulations, specified by the Safe Medical Devices Act of 1990.
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Method	A medical device tracking system (MDTS) program was purchased from ECRI to identify and record medical devices into the MDTS and furnish tracking reports to the device manufacturers as required by the Safe Medical Devices Act of 1990.
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Conclusion	The medical device tracking system is a valuable tool to track and report medical devices status to the manufacturer. The MDTS allows us to track and report medical devices to the manufacturer and distributor from receipt of the device until it is retired from service. It also allows us to track any device that is prescribed to a patient for use at home. The MDTS is an ACCESS based program that users can create their own reports such as a medical device tracking register to track status updates or additions to the program.
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Inspectors identify potential best practices during the inspection process